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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: October 24, 2000
Meeting Time: 10:00 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St.,
Room 233
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 5

Members Present: Rep. Peggy Welch, Chair; Rep. Gloria Goeglein; Sen. Becky Skillman, Vice-Chair; Sen. Rose Antich; Sen. Mark Blade; Garland Ferrell; Vernon Jewell; Al Dillon; Jean Paul Lushin; Bill Mansard; Richard Dodge.

Members Absent: Rep. Tiny Adams; Rep. Matt Whetstone; Sen. Steven Johnson; Frank Fritch; Richard Jones; Douglas Lechner; Raymond Lueken; John Catey.

Representative Peggy Welch, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Preliminary Draft (PD) Legislation

PD 3512

The Commission reviewed PD 3512 (Exhibit 1) which allows the legislative and executive body of Lake County and St. Joseph County to opt out of their existing county commissioner structure by passing an identical ordinance and resolution establishing a county commissioner structure identical to the general county commissioner structure found in IC 36-2. The Commission took action on PD 3512 concerning the county commissioner structure in Lake County and St. Joseph County. PD 3512 was recommended to the General Assembly by a roll call vote of 11-0.

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PD 3527

The Commission reviewed and discussed PD 3527 (Exhibit 2) allowing two or more counties to establish a multi-county correctional district. The Commission took action on PD 3527 concerning multi-county correctional districts. PD 3527 was recommended to the General Assembly by a roll call vote of 11-0.

PD 3510

The third preliminary draft reviewed and discussed by the Commission was PD 3510 (Exhibit 3). PD 3510 eliminates the Commission charge to study the functions and duties of the county commissioners in Lake County and St. Joseph County. The preliminary draft extends the expiration of the Commission until November 1, 2003, and adds two lay members to the Commission's membership. The Commission recommended by voice vote to make the following changes to PD 3510: (1) Page 1, line 6 - change "twenty-two (22)" to "twenty-four (24)"; (2) Page 1, line 26 and Page 2, line 6 - change "one lay member" to "two lay members". The Commission took action on PD 3510 concerning the extension of the County Government Study Commission. PD 3510 as amended was recommended to the General Assembly by a roll call vote of 11-0.

Final Report

The Commission reviewed a draft of the final report. The draft final report was adopted, with the understanding that business from today's meeting will be included, by a roll call vote of 11-0.

Other Commission Business

Rep. Welch and Rep. Goeglein questioned whether the Commission on Courts discussed the issue of placing the court system under a separated tax levy. Travis Worl, Association of Indiana Counties, stated that the Commission on Courts did hear testimony on this issue and that the Commission recommended not to take action on this issue at this time.

Rep. Welch thanked the Commission members for all their hard work during the interim.

There being no further business, Rep. Welch adjourned the meeting.